

A Guide to Online Safety, Child Abduction, and Runaway Issues

Through a federal grant, the Arkansas Missing Children Services Program has developed a comprehensive juvenile-safety curriculum called "Keys to Safety." The program's objective is to teach Arkansans how to better protect young people from abductions, runaway episodes, child exploitation, and online computer crimes. More than 2,500 copies of the curriculum have been distributed to schools and community organizations in the state.

Attorney General Mike Beebe and his community relations staff continue to expand and enhance services that protect Arkansas children through this program. To order safety materials or to schedule a presentation in your community, contact the Attorney General's Office.

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PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN





Good News FOR OUR CHILDREN

The Arkansas Missing Children Services Program (AMCSP) works constantly to protect the children of our state. AMCSP, part of Attorney General Mike Beebe's Community Relations Division, serves as the statewide clearinghouse for missing-and-exploited children.

The program assists in the recovery of missing children and educates the public about child-safety issues. AMCSP serves as a central information source on missing children and is the main point of contact between the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and non-profit, missing-children organizations in the state.

The AMCSP hosts an annual event for families of missing children each May. It also plans public-awareness events centered around National Missing Children's Day, including a statewide child-safety poster contest for elementary school students.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The program:

- Offers a toll-free hotline for reports and sightings of missing children (1-800-448-3014);
- Disseminates investigative leads and provides training and technical assistance to state law-enforcement agencies;
- Maintains a database of Arkansas' missing children;
- Provides referrals for families, law enforcement, social-service agencies, and other state clearinghouses;
- Flags state birth-and-school records of missing children;
- Assists in the creation and distribution of missingchildren fliers to law enforcement, schools, socialservice agencies, and businesses;

- Maintains a Web page with child-safety information, statistics, and posters of Arkansas missing children (www.ag.state.ar.us);
- Posts photographs and descriptive information of missing children directly to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Web page;
- Provides child-safety materials and resource speakers to schools and communities throughout the state;
- Coordinates safety events at malls, state fairs, and festivals where children can be fingerprinted and/or photographed and presented with identification cards and safety tips.

HELPFULINFORMATION

IF YOUR CHILD IS LOST OR MISSING:

- Call the police;
- Search your home and call neighbors and friends;
- Ask that your child be entered into the National Crime Information Center Missing Persons' File;
- Keep a list of all steps taken with a record of names and telephone numbers of the contacts you make;
- Gather current photographs and be ready to provide a description of your child, including clothing worn at the time of disappearance, personal items taken, and any identifying marks such as scars or tattoos;
- Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1-800-THE-LOST);
- Contact the Arkansas Missing Children Services
 Program of the Attorney General's Office at
 1-800-448-3014 or 501-682-1020.